

GROUNDBREAKING AT THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR 1964-1965



As the Republic of China's Consul General Hon. Kien Wen Yu watches, ground is broken for the Chinese pavilion by Gloria Chin, Wyman Jong and Cheryl Choy.

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MESSAGE RECEIVED IN AMBASSADOR ADLAI STEVENSON'S OFFICE FROM U. S. AMBASSADOR IN TAIPEI ON BEHALF OF MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK, AT THE OCCASION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES.

I am pleased to learn of the groundbreaking ceremony of the Chinese Pavilion in the New York World's Fair, the first of such ceremonies of the participating nations. I only regret that I am unable to be with you in person.

The Fair, I understand, will celebrate the tercentenary of the founding of New York City. It is almost inconceivable that in a brief span of 300 years the tiny trading spot has arisen to be one of the largest cities in the world as well as one of the most inspiring and beautiful. In-

deed this metropolis is the best expression of man's free spirit and creative power.

The Republic of China is happy to participate in the World's Fair. She will show the best she has in the realm of culture, history, industry and the arts. It is my hope that she will make a fine and worthy contribution. The Fair, I understand, will exhibit the best products of free labor. It will, I am sure, fire the imagination of man and contribute to a free exchange of ideas and experiences.

The final purpose, if I may say so, of all artistic, intellectual and scientific achievements must be the enhancement of the dignity and value of the human person. Every person must be able to choose his work and develop his talent without the dictates of the powers that be. Every person must be able to live, breathe and have his being in an atmosphere of freedom. May this theme of the Fair prevail throughout the length and breadth of the planet.

Madame Chiang Kai-Shek

REMARKS BY CHINESE AND WORLD'S FAIR OFFICIALS AT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES, NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1962.

CONSUL GENERAL YU: Commissioner Moses, Governor Poletti, distinguished guests, as an official representative of the Republic of China, I am very proud that China is the first participating foreign nation to break ground for its pavilion. It also gives me personal satisfaction, as I have from the very beginning almost two years ago, played a small part in making this initial progress.

A groundbreaking is but the beginning. Nevertheless, it indicates that the Chinese Government has followed closely the schedule which the World's Fair authorities have so well prepared for us. It also shows that my government attaches great importance to this Fair. China will send the best it has in the realms of culture, history, industry and the arts. It is our hope that our participation will make a fine and worthy contribution to the Fair.

This Fair might well be considered as a mirror of the human race: its artistic creations, its technical achievements, its evolution from the stone age to the nuclear age, its ascendancies from the kingdom of necessity to the kingdom of freedom. You all represent the best—the

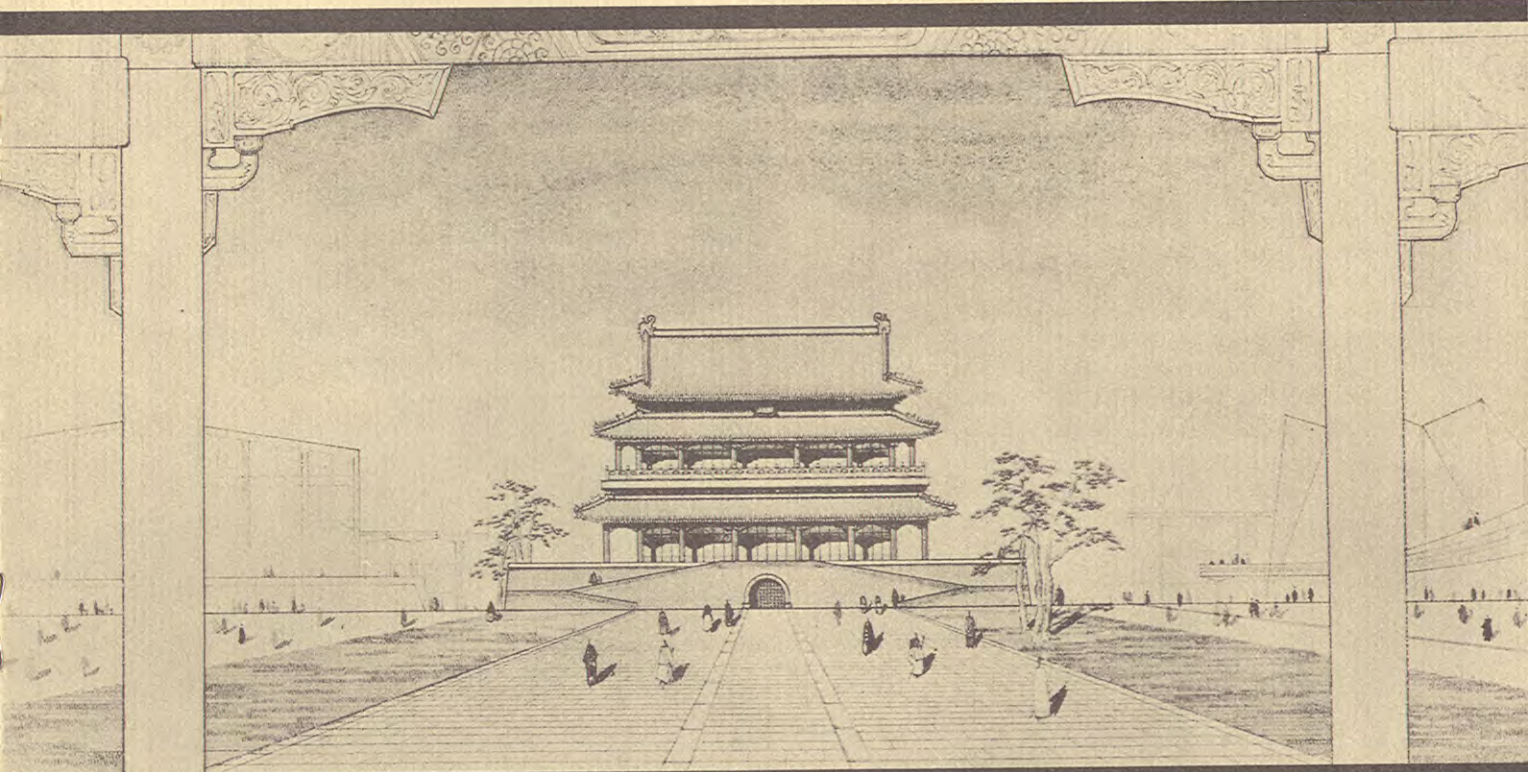
best man has accomplished. It might well be, I am sure, one of the most meaningful dramatizations of the story of man. A Fair of this grand conception cannot but exercise a great influence in the mind of man and stimulate further his artistic and scientific development.

Commissioner Moses, in your long years of service, you have accomplished many tasks which at first were thought impossible. Under your dynamic direction, the World's Fair is bound to be another of your crowning achievements. Thank you.

ROBERT MOSES: Thank you, Mr. Yu. We have two of these medallions and one is for you and one is for the Ambassador and we hope that it will be sent on to him. [Presenting World's Fair medallion] This is our symbol. It has the Unisphere on one side and it also marks the 300th anniversary of the founding of the City of New York. I am delighted to give them to you on behalf of the executives of the Fair.

CONSUL GENERAL YU: Thank you so much, Commissioner Moses.

GOVERNOR POLETTI: President Moses, Consul General Yu, Mrs. Yu and friends—we are delighted that the Republic of China is the first international participant as far as a nation is concerned, but that's in keeping because Consul General Yu was the first one to sign a



Pavilion of the Republic of China.

contract with the New York World's Fair, so he's keeping right up to schedule and plus.

It's particularly delightful for me to be here today because the Consul General and I and a few other people I see around here first got to know each other when I was in Albany, and as one untactful gentleman said today, our hair has gotten a little gray since.

That's right, but it's very, very nice to have you here Consul General because I've had the greatest admiration and warm feeling for you and we are sure that the Pavilion of China will be something stunning and educational. We are happy that your country is going to be here because of our friendship toward your country. Your country and its many problems are in our minds every day. We know that your country is the bastion of freedom and liberty in a part of the world that is very precarious, and we feel that your presence in the International area of the World's Fair in 1964 and 1965 will serve to cement and strengthen the friendship between the people of your country and the people of the United States.

During the Chinese groundbreaking ceremonies president of the Fair Robert Moses is presented with silver Chinese junk by Gloria Chin and Cheryl Choy.






While Fair Vice President Governor Poletti looks on, Robert Moses presents official Fair medallions to Consul General Yu and, in absentia, to His Excellency Dr. Tingfu F. Tsiang, Ambassador of the Republic of China.



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